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From the Editor

We will be changing mailboxes with the next newsletter. These newsletters will come from the address parares@scicom.alphacdc.com and article submissions are to be sent to 'infopara@scicom.alphacdc.com'. -Cyro

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To All;

As many of you know, UFO Magazine completed a story and investigation on Milton Wm. Cooper in Vol. 5, No. 4 and 5.

Cooper, a very controversial figure in the UFO field, has been making claims and pronouncements for the last several years. We spoke to many that know him, and for you folks that are new here at ParaNet, Cooper made his debut right here. At that time (in 1988) he was "made" as a fraud by the former Administrator Jim Speiser, and was removed from the system.

I have just received a copy of "NEW TIMES" NEXUS, a magazine that is published in Australia. The issue is Volume 2 Issue 1 dated October 1990. In this magazine is a story by Cooper with his "Operation Majority". Now during the UFO Magazine investigation, we found most of this to be fabricated or information that Cooper plagerized. However it is a fact of life that not everyone reads UFO, and Cooper is public in every area he can attain to. So I am going to place the entire Two part story right here for all of ParaNet to read.

One other thing, I am also going to include a couple of things that did not reach publication, because of space, and also the fact that at the time we did not wish to "crucify" Cooper. However, to paraphrase George Knapp, News Director of KLAS TV in Las Vegas, "Cooper is like a cornered rat, desperate, vicious and vile." He has "smeared, lied, threatened, and libled everyone that has disagreed with him. With that, here is "Whistleblowers Part ONE.

Who are the UFO whistleblowers? They come out

of relative obscurity and burst into the center of ufological attention. Making incredible claims of alien activity on earth and the Government's deep but covert involvement. Without exception, the whistleblowers of recent times only furnish the most hazy evidence of their claims, if that.

Oftentimes they will also lay claim to having worked with or for the government, in high enough positions to wield security clearances and to have observed the most unequivocal documentation.

Because these individuals fail to furnish proof for their startling claims, and because many people have asked UFO Magazine for a readout on their credibility, we are beginning a series of investigative articles on certain individuals who fall into the ''whistleblower'' category. Normally, UFO avoids focusing on personalities, preferring to concentrate on the phenomenon itself.

But these personalities force us to make an exception. Their material has appeal and sensation value. But is it legitimate? Who are the whistleblowers who are telling the truth? Who are the ruthless Pied Pipers forging a trail of lies and deception? Our series begins with Milton William Cooper.

COOPER

In the last several years, few have stirred the field of ufology like Milton William Cooper. Cooper, born May 6, 1943, is a balding 47-year-old man who has enthralled thousands with lurid tales of dangerous UFOs and secret government treaties allowing the alien menace to abduct and experiment on unwilling human victims in exchange for advanced alien technology.

Raining threats and pronouncements over the UFO field like a con-

tinuously firing shotgun, Cooper has recently leveled charges of government spookery against a number of prominent ufologists in the field, in many cases claiming to have seen their names on a government recruitment list back in 1972 and 1973 while he was purportedly serving in Naval Intelligence in CINCPACFLT (Commander-in Chief, Pacific Fleet).

Not above accusing former friends and associates, Cooper has charged various ufologists with illegal acts, moral turpitude and of purveying disinformation that permeates the field. Now with an agent to book speaking engagements at any and every UFO event possible, Cooper is very fond of stating to his audiences, ''Don't take my word for it, go out and check the information yourself.'' UFO Magaline has, and the following is the result of our investigation.

Paranet debut

Who is M. Wm. "Bill" Cooper, and where did he come from? Cooper's first public appearance resulted when he uploaded a text on ParaNet, the international computer data service. The file alleges a fantastic UFO sighting while Cooper was a crew member of the U.S.S. TIRU, a United States Naval submarine, in 1966. According to Cooper, the sighting took place while he was on duty as port lookout.

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Claiming that the sub's skipper immediately classified the incident, Cooper reported that when the submarine reached port, the witnesses were debriefed by Naval Security.

During this time frame of Cooper's initial appearance on the scene, John O. Lear, son of William 'Bill' Lear of Lear Jet fame, had also been undergoing ParaNet scrutiny as a result of the release of his hypothesis concerning an alien threat. Lear's document, released in December of 1987, had created quite an uproar in its own right. Lear alleged that the U.S. government had entered into a relationship with a possible ET intelligence, and in exchange for super technology gave carte blanche to the ETs to conduct experiments and abductions on unsuspecting human beings.

Lear also claimed that the ETs, with our government's knowledge, were mutilating domestic animals such as cattle and sheep, and in some cases even human victims. Because much of Lear's information was hypothesis, and little checkable information was forthcoming, many ParaNet members and others in the UFO community were asking very hard questions. In a number of instances, Lear's credibility was attacked.

When he again visited the ParaNet system, Cooper allied himself with Lear, publicizing the claim that because of releasing his UFO information, he had just been terminated from his \$75,000 a year job as the executive director of a commercial business school.

In October of 1988, Cooper contacted this writer, requesting a favor. Telling me at that time that "this is dangerous if anyone finds out," he asked me to accept the electronic

transfer of a file into my computer, to be sent to Stanton Friedman with the information of who wanted Friedman to see it. The document included information about purported government UFO involvement- under the terms MAJI, MJ-1, THE BLUE TEAM, GRUDGE, etc.-and, according to Cooper, various other alleged secret government projects dealing with the alien presence. I agreed to send the information to Friedman. (I never heard anymore about it until later, when Cooper was barred from ParaNet because of 'claims of feeding false and fraudulent information.)

I basically forgot about the file to Friedman until Cooper released additional files with the claim that they were the final release. But subsequently Cooper was to release several "final" releases.

In one, he claimed, "MJ-12 is the name of the secret control group . . . The Jason Society [was set up] to sift through all the evidence, technology, lies and deception . . ." But later, in another file, he stated, "'MJ-12 cannot be used as a name for the control group as it would cause confusion in meaning, i.e., is it referring to MJ-12 the person or MJ-12 the group... ?'" (Italics added) By this time, I and others were becoming confused with the various "'final releases.'"

Project 'Luna'

In another public release, Cooper claimed that "Project Luna" was an alien base on the far side of the moon which had been observed by various astronauts, but changed the story in one more "Final release," stating that it was the code name for an underground base near Dulce, New Mexico.

In Cooper's later releases are a number of names that were never mentioned in earlier releases, names

such as JOSHUA and O.H. KRLL
or KRLLL, or CRLL, CRLLL, or
even KRILL. When it comes to
answering whether these claims will
bear up under serious scrutiny, these
names prove to be very important, as
later information in this article will
show.

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Cooper later claimed that the
reason the documents were "dif-
ferent" was because he wanted to
throw the government off his trail
until someone would verify that what
he said was the truth. He stressed
that "It does not matter who is right
and who is wrong or if a project
name is in the wrong place. . . we
must all band together and expose it
now."

As time progressed, Cooper
severed all ties with other researchers
in the UFO field. At one time a very
close confidant of John Lear,
Cooper has turned on Lear and now
accuses him of being an agent of the
Central Intelligence Agency. At one
time Lear was in fact employed as a
pilot with Continental Air, a CIA
contract airline, and claims a number
of anonymous sources for his own
data, facts which may lend suspicion
to his background and information.
But Lear denies any current alliance
with the agency and no one has been

able to prove otherwise.

Starred on 'Happening'

Cooper now operates an electronic bulletin board service, the Citizen's Agency for Joint Intelligence (CAJI). In his last two electronic newsletters, Cooper has leveled charges against numerous people in the UFO community. When anyone challenges him, he will once more blast the questioner as an ''agent of the secret government."

Cooper has been a star guest on the ''Billy Goodman Happening,' ' a recently-revived radio show broadcast on KVEG-AM in Las Vegas. Another alleged former government employee, physicist Robert ''Bob'' Lazar, appeared on the Goodman radio show. Initially Cooper was lavish in his praise of Lazar's willingness to come forward to expose the cosmic secret. Now, like Lear, Lazar is suffering Cooper's allegations of being a purveyor of intelligence disinformation.

In a previous edition of his newsletter, which was released during the first half of April, Cooper charged that Lazar, the "self claimed physicist who worked on saucers, was arrested today for participation in one of Las Vegas' prostitution rings. He was also accused or running a drug lab which manufactures methamphetamine.' ' When Lear heard about these allegations against Lazar, he said, "It's all fabrication and fantasy. "

And at that time, it was. There is record of police interest in Lazar during that time-Lazar had admitted on television that he had set up software for a bordello, and shortly thereafter members of the Las Vegas vice squad, bearing a warrant, searched his premises. The bordello was subsequently closed by police,

but Lazar wasn't formally arrested and charged until June 4. A plea negotiation ensued, and Lazar ended up pleading guilty to one count of felony pandering. But at press time, no other charges had been filed, and no suspicion of drug activity has ever been officially or unofficially voiced.

With respect to all of these allegations against Lazar, Cooper claims to have received the information from John Lear, as well as from two additional UFO buffs, Cory Testa and Geoff Graff.

Testa, when told of Cooper's statements, was shocked at the allegation that Lear had claimed Lazar was facing drug violations. Testa states, "I still believe that he (Lazar) is real and [that] John Lear never said anything like that." Testa later called back and said that he had talked to Cooper, and that Cooper had denied naming him as having said anything about Lazar. The paragraph from the CAJI newsletter was read to him four times and he responded sadly, "You know, I am just a guy who is really interested in UFOs, and I never wanted to get involved in anything like this. Why would Bill say I said something like that?" For his part, Graff vehemently denies ever making any statements of this nature to Cooper.

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More charges

Additional charges in Cooper's

newsletter included naming Lear and Lazar as members of a "ring" of government agents that "include the greats of ufology." Cooper also named Bruce Maccabee, William Moore, Jaime Shandera, Stanton Friedman, and made similar allegations about others left unnamed at that time. With that document, Cooper left the impression that the others would include whomever questioned his sources, information or allegations.

Cooper also claimed that Stayce Borland, a woman who at one time led a Las Vegas contactee group, was murdered after she had sponsored a talk with Budd Hopkins and had received a document from a man who reportedly worked at "Dreamland," site of high-tech aircraft testing and alleged alien activity at Nellis Air Force Base.

Also alleged in Cooper's CAJI newsletter was that when still active-duty Air Force NCO John Grace took over Borland's contactee group, and when the police investigation into her murder was started, the list of the contactee group members and the sign-in sheet from Hopkins talk were missing.

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These were serious inferences, if true, so UFO immediately contacted George Knapp of KLAS-TV in Las Vegas. Knapp and his associates had looked into the Borland murder in the course of producing the KLAS-TV documentary, ''UFOs: The Best Evidence.'' According to Knapp, Hopkins was in Las Vegas weeks after Borland and her brother were found dead. Borland's boyfriend was the initial suspect, but was quickly cleared by the Las Vegas Police. The search then centered on a 24-year old suspect, William Mitchell Smith, also known as William "Bo" Stevens. No UFO involvement at all was discovered by police.

Knapp Letter

In a now-public letter to Michael Corbin, director of ParaNet, Knapp states, "Bill Cooper wouldn't know the truth if it bit him on the ass..." Then, in reference to Cooper's allegation of a ufological spy ring, Knapp wrote, ". . . a secret organization is highly unlikely. Moore (Bill) and Lear can't stand each other.

"Moore and Friedman have tried to contact Lazar through me on several occasions. . . Some of the

individuals have provided me with proof of Cooper's dishonesty, proof that will be made public in the near future.'

Knapp was true to his word. In part five of his second UFO special recently aired by KLAS, Knapp

pointed out one such occurrence where serious questions about Cooper's information were raised. According to Cooper, in his purported viewing of a top-secret government document in 1972-1973, he saw information about O.H. Krill, which according to Cooper stood for 'Original Hostage Krill.'

The problem with this particular claim by Cooper, however, comes from the two people involved in the O.H. Krill document. The origin of the controversial document has been known for some time in the UFO field. Conceived by UFO researcher John Grace, who heads the Nevada Aerial Research organization and who uses the pseudonym 'Val Valerian,' the title was chosen as an inside joke, according to both Lear and Grace. Lear told UFO that he heard Cooper tell a television interviewer that he (Cooper) had seen the O.H. Krill document back in the early '70s. That made Lear turn "beet red," he said. He motioned for Cooper to speak to him privately.

Lear then informed Cooper,

'Bill, O.H. Krill is a joke! John Grace and I used 'Krill' from Bob Emenegger's special, 'UFOs: It Has Begun,' because of a woman who allegedly channeled an entity named CRYLLL. Grace just pulled the O. H. out of thin air!" According to Lear, Cooper flatly disagreed, saying, "No, I saw it in 1972." Lear said, 'I dropped it then. I could see that there was no talking to him. I then began to wonder just how much of Bill Cooper was real."

Sources questioned

Cooper alleges that Lear is the shadowy Condor from William Moore's anonymous intelligence 'aviary.' Cooper happened to tell this to Testa, who was then an associate of Lear's. "Everyone I

was associated with-Cooper
claimed that they were government
agents.''

Moore's apparent association with
unnamed government agents has
also brought him under fire by
many in the UFO community. His
admitted participation in a disinfor-
mation scheme and claims of ongo-
ing associations with these agents
have incited a good many suspi-
cions, which, in Cooper's case, have
mushroomed into full-blown allega-
tions. When asked about Cooper's
claim that Condor is actually Lear,
Moore vehemently denied it.

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Moore was advised that in the
CAJI newsletter, Cooper made the
claim that the tape of Condor was
placed in voice analysis, and that he
had unscrambled it, proving that
Lear was Condor. Moore laughed at
that and stated, "There is nothing
to undo, nothing to unscramble!
Jaime and I masked Condor's voice
through a vocoder.

"The vocoder is a device that
runs the sound source through a
mike, then to a sound source send-
ing it to a voice envelope to a

vocoder. Nothing of the human qualities are left to unscramble.'

When asked about the additional allegations of his being identified as a government operative, Moore stated, "It is absolutely false. You know, I am getting tired of all these accusations. Cooper is always wrapping himself up in the flag and Constitution . . . whatever happened to the basic right of being innocent until proven guilty?"

'I have never spoken to Cooper or had as much as a single correspondence with him,' he added, saying he had been given a copy of the CAJI newsletter, had just read it, and was amazed at the contents.

Moore's name, of course, was supposedly on that list of people to be recruited as government agents, which Cooper said he viewed in 1972 and which included the names of Stanton Friedman, John Lear and Bruce Maccabee. He also claimed that Bob Swan, apparently a former Navy buddy, was also informed of this back in 1972. When questioned by mutilation researcher Linda Howe and former reporter Tony Pelham, among others, Swan stated for the record that the only thing he remembered was "something to do with UFOs "

It would appear that Moore evidences few reasons to have aroused government interest 18 Years ago. He did not really come into the UFO scene with any great Splash until the publication of The Roswell Incident, in 1979. Moore said that in 1972 he was employed as a teacher by the Herman Community Schools, Independent District 264, in Herman, MN where he taught from fall of 1969 until spring of 1979. Along with teaching, Moore was active in the teachers union, number 32 Local. It would appear that back then he would have been a very unlikely candidate for government recruitment to the intelligence services.

Lazar's comments

There is still much that is unknown about Bob Lazar. But even with his relatively short duration in the UFO limelight, Lazar is burned out with the field. Under the most intense scrutiny by the UFO community, and now facing a criminal charge, he made his UFO claims public with the express goal of stopping the harassment he says he's undergone. Cooper's allegations of drug involvement amount to one more good reason for his revulsion against the UFO field.

When he spoke to UFO, he explained his research lab and various scientific equipment in it. "The 'speed lab' (the term used in the CAJI newsletter) might be explained by my work with high-tech jet cars," he stated. "Cooper is an intelligent man, and the two times I've seen him . . . well I hate to call someone a psychopath, but he really acts crazy. He seems to believe a lot of what he says to the point he will fight about it and get violent." Lazar was referring to physical violence, and added, "On the only two occasions I have seen him-and there was liquor involved, not beer or anything, but liquor-he did get violent. I walked in [to Lear's house] with my sister-in-law . . . after a brief time talking to Cooper, he got up, screaming and throwing stuff around. He was a lunatic.'"

Another of Cooper's allegations is that Lear, once in the company of Cooper and several others, called Lazar up and asked him to send a hooker over to Lear's home. Lazar counters, "That's absurd, and why it's absurd is that my involvement with the bordello was in January of 1990. It mainly involved some electronic work and setting up software.

I saw Cooper long before that, and in either case I would not be the guy anyone called [for a prostitute]. I

had no connections to get anyone [to perform illicit acts]. I deny his whole allegation.'" (The criminal case pending against Lazar will be covered in the next issue of UFO.)

"Everyone seems to have a Bill Cooper story, and mine is a paper I wrote in Los Alamos concerning Project Excalibur," Lazar offered, referring to an earth-penetrating, nuclear-tipped missile designed to destroy underground facilities.

"I wrote that [paper] in 1988. I had a witness there while I typed that word for word. (Gene Huff) I printed it out; Lear was hot on the trail looking for connections, and that filled everything in for [Lear]. He essentially had all the [Project Excalibur] information that was to be had.

"John then gave a copy to Bill Cooper, and I heard Cooper reading it verbatim, word for word, at the (1989) MUFON convention. He claimed to have seen it in the mid-'70s. I then heard him on the Billy Goodman show. I called him; he recognized the voice. He said he knew who I was. I then asked him, 'Bill, that Excalibur missile thing, did you get that at John Lear's or did you read that in the '70's?'

"I gave him an out if he had forgotten. He said no, 'I read that word for word in 1973.' I said okay and thanks. That was my first confirmation that this guy was a complete liar.'"

According to Lazar, the Excalibur document was then only a year old, while Cooper was claiming to have seen it in 1973 - 16 years before.

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WHISTLEBLOWERS PART ONE SIDEBAR.

In his CAJI newsletter, Cooper stated that "No one likes to be a fool, but most ufologists are exactly that. I keep saying to do research, to investigate, but no one does it. They just sit around and call each other names.'" This reporter, representing UFO Magazine, attempted to contact Cooper to verify his claims by leaving a message on his computer service.

Cooper read the message and called about an hour later. When I answered the phone, Cooper growled, "What the hell do you want!?" When I attempted to explain that I was doing a story for UFO and wanted to verify his claims, he shot back, "What are you writing for your f***in' trashzine?" I then said that I had received a copy of the CAJI newsletter and he replied, "'I would be very careful if I was you. That newsletter is copyrighted.'"

Cooper then stated, "I don't trust you or anyone you are associated with. " The only response I was able to get concerned the allegation that Bob Lazar ran a speed lab. "John Lear told me that out of his own mouth . . . I got the information from a man named Cory and eoff who are good friends of

John Lear. "

Just at that moment the phone rang with the call waiting feature, and Cooper refused to hold 'til I could find out who was calling. He refused to speak any further and hung up. This seems out of character for a person who claims that his information is legitimate.

As UFO Magazine was going to press, and as we expected, Cooper's newest newsletter attacked this writer and the magazine. Cooper now claims that Cory Testa was intimidated by UFO regarding the claims that Bob Lazar is involved with drugs, and that UFO or myself or both are a part of Cooper's paranoiac 'secret government.'

The absurdity of this speaks for itself. But for the record, UFO will attempt to get Testa's version of this. Researching and accurately reporting facts are not Cooper's strong suit.-D.E.

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This information was not included into the Cooper story, and as promised, I will now relay it.

Cooper, during his initial exposure in the public, was on the Billy Goodman Happening over a year ago. One of the people that heard Cooper was a well known Hollywood entertainment figure, Michael Callan. Callan was fascinated by the information that Cooper was giving, and ended up contacting Cooper. Callan, and a close friend of his, Doug Deane, decided that they would use their entertainment contacts, and professionally "market" Cooper. Callan and Deane set up a business called "Need to Know Productions", and sunk money into setting up Cooper on the "lecture tour".

Callan and Deane videoed Coopers lectures, and gave him the benefit of their combined knowledge of Hollywood to go out and sell himself. Setting up Cooper at lectures, and finding an agent for him at "Spotlight Enterprises", Callan and Deane made a heavy investment. Cooper signed a contract with Deane and Callan, and when he saw how much money he "could" be making, tried to squeeze Callan and Deane out of their contract. Callan had had suspicions earlier when Cooper spoke to him about trying to squeeze Stan Barrington (business manager) out, but then Cooper found out that it would cost him \$15,000. Barrington stayed, but one night, Cooper indulging in his childish temper tantrums, and drinking heavily, made 10 (thats TEN) phone calls to both Callan and Deane, threatening them with public ruin, death, property damage, and slander if they did not give him the master copies of the tapes that they had videoed for him. Both men (Callan and Deane) ended up phoning the police, and they had Cooper placed on file. Later, Cooper went to Deanes home, was witnessed by Deanes gardner, and tried to force his way into Deanes house. Later, when Deane returned home, found all the tires on his car slashed. It is interesting to note, that one of Coopers threats to Deane mentioned his car tires. The police investigated, but it ended up that no charges were filed.

Prior to the above events, one of Coopers invitations to speak were from a German UFO groups. Cooper was invited by Michael Hesseman, a German "New Age UFOlogists" to appear in Germany. Cooper had accepted, and demanded 5000 Duetch Marks (\$3000 US) plus his plane ticket, room, board, and the other things that Hesseman had promised. Hesseman sent Cooper all of the above, but because of a German Postal Strike, word of the event was late in getting out in Europe. Cooper had planned, according to Hesseman, in making money in "workshops" while the UFO event was going on, and because the event would not be so well attended, became upset. Hesseman offered to rescedual the event, or set it up later, but Cooper refused, and then told Hesseman that if he wanted him to come, he needed another 5000 Duetch marks, or he refused. Hesseman did not have the money, so Cooper informed Hesseman that he would not fly over, and then refused to refund Hessemans cash.

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And UFO MAGAZINE CO-Publisher says. . . .

There you have it. Don Ecker's article, documentary reports researched and produced by George Knapp of KLAS-TV and what Cooper has published in his CAJI newsletter are part of a growing information base which should demonstrate why we have chosen not to give space to the often false and specious claims that Cooper purveys.

It is not our intention to single out individuals and 'pick on' them; it's simply very important that the truth or the closest thing to it be established. A close reading of our whistleblowers series, as it progresses, will demonstrate that there are people in this field who have set themselves up for examination and whose claims of truth are, at best, cleverly-mouthed chunks of propaganda; some if not most will be found wanting. Milton William Cooper has threatened, lied about and attacked a number of people in the UFO field (I'm included, as is Don Ecker). Along with slander and lying, he has a clear history of contradicting himself, backtracking when caught in those contradictions and then attempting to patch up his story with a turnaround position based on sudden new claims that, true to style, cannot be checked out.

A Bill Cooper could not maintain a foothold in any other field. Such a bullying personality would have been "run out of town" long ago. But the fact that this man and others like him still can command some audience and are seen as having some veracity and authority denotes a sore lack of discrimination on the part of many in the UFO

arena, if not outright foolishness.

But it should be likewise emphasized that this syndrome also testifies to our collective frustration with the lies and secret machinations of some powerful persons in the U.S. government, cultivating many people's willingness to listen and 'follow just about anyone who purports to be defending the Constitution and who vocally demands accountability from the very government officials in whom we should be able to place our trust.

It's so very important: Dedication to the absolute truth, to the finer points of democracy, when exercised without caution and discernment, plays right into the hands of those who would short-circuit those very precious qualities we hold dear. "Users" of all political persuasions will exploit the emotional fervor of the crowd to further their own selfish and inhumane ends. (Some names to remember: Adolf Hitler, Joseph Goebbels, Joseph Stalin, Joe McCarthy.)

It's imperative that we - and I include everyone who shares the vision of UFO Magazine-short-circuit such perniciousness at its very core, striking at the heart of demagoguery with persistent courage and honesty.

Only personal commitment to humane and truthful ideals, and the willingness to expose the truth, can successfully overcome The Big Lie. UFO Magazine honors just such a commitment. - Vicki Cooper

and now Don Ecker's sidebar.

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